



FLOOD CONTROL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 3:00 PM

YCFC&WCD Offices
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Smith convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Mary Kimball, Chair
Tom Barth
Jim Mayer
Lee Smith
Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
Tim Ireland, SCADA

Members of the Public

Jim Barrett
Duane Chamberlain
Geoff Klein
Maddie Munson

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of January 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

b. Adoption of January 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors tabled Item 3b from the consent agenda to provide Board members more time to review. The adoption of the special Board meeting minutes will be brought back at the March meeting.

M/S/C approved Consent Agenda Item 3a and tabling of Item 3b for the March meeting.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Smith, Barth, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. PRESENTATION: Potential In-Canal Hydropower Opportunity

SCADA Supervisor Tim Ireland shared that GenH offers an in-canal hydropower plant that could be fitted to a drop structure at the upper West Adams Canal that would generate 20 to 50 kilowatts. GenH would fund the project and licensing, and the District would simply be responsible for site access and coordination. GenH has already completed a site visit, drone imagery, and proposal submission. Next steps include establishing a licensing fee, execution of a licensing agreement, and completion of civil engineering.

Chair Kimball asked whether the power would be tied to the grid. Ireland stated that it would be localized power generation to nearby District infrastructure. This is primarily a proof-of-concept project. Kimball asked if the licensing fee has a time limit, and Ireland stated it would likely be two years or less. Kimball inquired about the start date, and Ireland stated the goal is for deploying the pilot in the 2026 irrigation season.

Director Barth asked if there's a minimum water level head required, and Ireland stated that yes, there is a minimum water level required, which should be no issues during irrigation season deliveries.

Director Mayer asked what would occur if there operation and maintenance issues occur, and Ireland said the District is ensuring that GenH could easily remove the components of the in-canal hydropower system in the event of any operation and maintenance issues and that that is explicitly covered in the licensing agreement. Mayer asked if we are the first pilot project, and Ireland confirmed that we would be the first to implement the system. Mayer asked why they approached us, and Ireland stated that they reached out to Glenn Colusa Irrigation District who then suggested GenH reach out to us as another potential pilot project. Mayer asked if this technology is new, and Ireland said parts of what they are proposing is new and considered confidential. Mayer stated that if we are indemnified by operational issues, then it sounds like a low-risk pilot project.

Barrett asked about the noise that may be generated from the unit, and Ireland stated he will connect with GenH about learning more.

Chamberlain asked about the funding source, and Ireland stated its privately funded and no cost to the District.

5. PRESENTATION: Update on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project

General Manager Sicke provided updates on the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project (Project). The Project will replace a failing 60-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) that siphons water under the Chickahominy Slough (also known as the Walnut Canal). This project has potential build-out capacity to deliver ~130 cfs downstream to farmers. The District plans to create all-weather access for ingress and egress during construction, which will occur during winter conditions. The District solicited bids on December 17 and the bidding process closed on January 26 with bids due at 10 a.m. Bids were closed on January 26, 2026 and were reviewed by District staff and Davids Engineering. At the January 27 Special Board meeting, the District selected Escherman Construction to complete the project. The District hosted a pre-construction meeting with Escherman Construction on February 9. It is anticipated that mobilization and demolition will begin between February 13 and 20, but this will be weather dependent.

Smith asked about options to start the season before May 1 if needed and still complete the project. Sicke reviewed possible options suggesting the coffer dam upstream of the project will allow for water deliveries in the Winters Canal to start before the project is completed for delivering water north of the project site, if needed.

6. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

General Manager Sicke and Assistant General Manager Cadaret shared updates on YSGA administration and GSP implementation progress through the SGMA Implementation Grant.

Cadaret reviewed updates related to the County's agricultural well moratorium to be discussed at the February 5 County Working Group meeting.

The following upcoming meetings were discussed:

- February 5: County Well Moratorium Working Group Meeting
- February 9: Special YSGA Board Meeting (YSGA Fee Study)
- February 19: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting
- March: YSGA Fee Study related workshops

Cadaret provided an update on Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Projects and Management Actions and data collection, along with progress made on the YSGA Fee Study, the GSP Periodic Evaluation, the District's Winter Recharge Program, and implementing projects associated with the Dunnigan Area Recharge Program.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Chair Kimball attended *Hungry Hollow Projects* meeting with Center for Land-Based Learning (CLBL), Yolo RCD, Cobram Estate, and YSGA/District staff to explore possible multi-benefit projects. Kimball also attended the *Yolo County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting* and presented it to the State Water Board during the *Bay-Delta Plan hearings* on behalf of the District.
- Director Smith attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* meeting; *YSGA Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting; *County Well Moratorium Working Group* meeting; and stated that he had a meeting scheduled with Supervisor Villegas later in the month to review the District's Strategic Plan and related initiatives.
- Director Barth attended the *YSGA Executive Committee* meeting and *YSGA Ad-Hoc Finance Committee* meeting.
- Director Mayer attended the *NCWA Board of Directors* and *Groundwater Management Task Force* meetings. Director Mayer also mentioned that NCWA was helping with draft language for potential groundwater recharge legislation.
- Director Tucker attended the *County's Well Moratorium Working Group* meeting.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

- a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions: an overview of current water conditions as of February 3, 2026:
 - Clear Lake is currently at 6.66 feet Rumsey. No flood flow releases are occurring at Cache Creek Dam. Irrigation season entitlement starts at 3.22 feet, and full allocation of 150,000 acre-feet is achieved at 7.56 feet Rumsey.
 - Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at 236,700 AF of storage. Environmental releases of 10 cfs will continue through the winter. Total capacity in the reservoir cannot exceed 260,760 AF prior to March 15.
 - The anticipated weather forecast for the week of February 3 was reviewed.
 - Groundwater level conditions as of February 3, 2026 were also reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – an update on finances as of January 31, 2026.
- c) Capital Improvement Program – The *Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Headworks Replacement Project* is the focus for capital jobs in addition to completing critical culvert replacements and turnouts for ensuring the system is ready for the 2026 irrigation season.

- d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
1. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (January 8)
 2. YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (January 12)
 3. Chickahominy Slough Maintenance Coordination Meeting (January 14)
 4. ACWA Vision for Our Water: Working Group Meeting (January 15)
 5. California Irrigation Institute Board of Directors Meeting (January 15)
 6. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (January 16)
 7. Hungry Hollow Area Conjunctive Use and Cover Cropping (January 20)
 8. YSGA Coordination Meeting with Solano Subbasin (January 20)
 9. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (January 22)
 10. Yolo County Farm Bureau Agriculturalist of the Year (January 22)
 11. ACWA Board of Directors Special Meeting (January 22)
 12. YSGA Finance Committee Meeting (January 23)
 13. GPC/LACOSAN/Calpine Coord. Meetings: Flowmeter and SCADA (Jan. 23 and 28)
 14. California Irrigation Institute Conference (January 26-27)
 15. Yolo Subwatershed Coalition for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (Jan. 28-29)
 16. State Water Board Bay-Delta Plan Updates Public Hearing (January 28-29)
 17. ACWA Board of Directors Meeting (January 29-30)
 18. PCL's 2026 California Environmental Assembly (January 31)
- e) The following upcoming events were announced:
1. Yolo County Ag Well Moratorium Focus Areas Working Group Meeting (Feb. 5)
 2. YSGA Special Board of Directors Meeting (February 9)
 3. Meeting with State Water Board to Review Long-Term Permit Application (Feb. 10)
 4. Yolo Subwatershed Coalition for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (Feb. 11)
 5. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (February 12)
 6. ACWA Vision for Our Water: Working Group Meeting (February 12 and 19)
 7. Meeting with CDFW to Review Draft Long-Term Permit Application (February 13)
 8. ACWA Region 4 Board of Directors Meeting (February 18)
 9. YSGA Hungry Hollow Working Group Meeting (February 19)
 10. District Farmers' Council Meeting (February 20)
 11. NCWA/DWR Sac Valley Flood Diversions Recharge Events Meeting (February 25)
 12. Willow Slough Watershed Collaboration Workshop (February 26)
 13. YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (March 5)
 14. NCWA Annual Meeting (March 6)
 15. Yolo County Farm Bureau Meeting (March 10)
 16. YSGA Fee Study Workshops (TBD)

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #64075-64090 and E194-201.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Smith, Barth, Mayer, and Tucker

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

11. CLOSED SESSION: Bay-Delta

Closed session conference with legal counsel for existing administrative proceeding and anticipated litigation/significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) – State Water Resources Control Board Bay/Delta Plan update proceeding.

Closed Session Report: Chair Kimball reported that the Directors, General Manager Sicke, Assistant General Manager Cadaret, and Legal Counsel Ryan Bezerra participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary